

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet



Moses Strikes the Rock in the Wilderness, by Marc Chagall

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GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude: *Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137

Buxtehude (1637-1707) was organist, choirmaster, and treasurer of the great St. Mary’s Church in Lübeck, Germany. His artistry was of such renown that in 1705 a young J. S. Bach walked 250 miles to spend three months listening to his music. A ciacona (also known as a chaconne) is a set of variations on a repeated short harmonic progression, often involving a repetitive bassline. The prelude is typical of early to middle Baroque preludes in that it consists of several contrasting and seemingly unrelated sections. Interestingly, Buxtehude ends the work with a small section he labels “ciacona,” using the same compositional technique displayed in the first piece.

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Praeludium: © 1971 by Breitkopf & Härtel, Wiesbaden, Germany

Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to

drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ms. Barbara White, Seminarian

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

The author of this poem, Edward Perronet (1726-1792), was the son of an Anglican priest, who worked closely with John Wesley and his brother Charles for many years in England's eighteenth century revival. Following worsening relations with the Wesleys, Perronet published a ferocious attack in verse on the Church of England. This provoked a schism with the Wesleys and Perronet's connection with organized Methodism came to an end. Before these troubles, John Wesley pressured the nervous Perronet to preach a sermon. Unable to evade Wesley's request, Perronet stood before a large crowd and declared, "I will now deliver the greatest sermon ever preached on earth." He then read the Sermon on the Mount and promptly sat down.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Offertory Solo: *Amazing Grace*

**Early American Melody
setting by John Ness Beck**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, and grace will lead me home.

Eric Panter, soloist

The arranger of this solo, John Ness Beck (1930-1986) was born in Warren, Ohio. He earned degrees in English from Ohio State University before serving in the army. It was in the army that he began arranging for music groups. After the service, he returned to Ohio State for degrees in composition. He became a member of the faculty at his alma mater but soon left for a career as a manager of University Music House, a retail sheet music firm. He later founded (with John Tatgenhorst) Beckenhorst Press, an important publisher of sacred music.

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The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *Introduction and Fugue*

Adela Douglas-Pennant

Adela Douglas-Pennant (1858-1955) was the daughter of a Welsh baron. Little else is known about her life. She wrote this piece for The Organist's Quarterly Journal, a 19th-century London publication. In keeping with the sexism of the era, her first name was not listed in the table of contents for that issue of the journal. She was referenced as "Pennant, The Hon. A. D."

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PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James.

For those celebrating birthdays: Pam Johns, Anthony Kuninger, Daniel Lawson, John Ross, Benton Tso, Rex White, Eric Boudreau, Chris Elliot, Benjamin Forrest, Samuel Forrest, Mehron Azarmehr, Aaron Barker, Joey Genet, Laura Merritt, Diana Stangl, Roberta Bondy, Henry Janes, Michelle Lehrach, Paisley Dew, Darlene Sullivan, Jonathan Yu, Ariston Awitan IV, Mandalyn Castleberry, James Hartline, Kathy Ramsey.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jordan & Francisco Sondgeroth, Eva & Nolan Duffin.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service, and remain open until all spots are reserved.

RSVP links: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- **8:00 a.m.** (parking lot, approximately 30-person limit)
- **6:30 p.m.** (Meditation Trail, approximately 15-person limit). Note new time.
- **Friendly reminders:** mask up, bring a chair, maintain 6+ feet of physical distance.

New outdoor Family Picnic Eucharist, starting Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m.!

- Where: St. Mark's front lawn
- Bring: blankets and chairs
- Masks: ages six and up required
- Rsvp: yes! www.stmarksaustin.org/rsvp, opens on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Mutual Support Groups at St. Mark's: Sign up by Monday, September 28th, using [this form](#). The pandemic has confronted us with unique challenges. In lieu of our normal small groups, St. Mark's is organizing "mutual support groups" with 5-6 people per group, organized around population-specific categories. For specifics, read this [document](#).

Women's Group, Monday, September 28th, 6:30 p.m.: all women are invited to join for our monthly gathering, meeting via zoom. Access link will be shared [here](#).

Rector's Book Group, Tuesdays in September at 7:00 p.m.: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. Please read through chapters 4 & 5 prior to the meeting. Access link [here](#).

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., with Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.: *Becoming Christians: Core Christian Practices in a time of Pandemic*. Link will be posted on our website.

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ONGOING EVENTS

- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study**, continuing the Gospel of Matthew with Mthr. Mary. The link is available under the [Virtual Gatherings](#) tab on our website.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Pattie Rose, Marjie Lawrence, Kay & Jay Brown.

Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):
Marie Peterek, Fidget, The Krietner Family, Becky Nolan.



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